

KELT-24b: A 5M_J Planet on a 5.6 day Well-Aligned Orbit around the Young V=8.3 F-star HD 93148

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ABSTRACT

We present the discovery of KELT-24 b, a massive hot Jupiter orbiting a bright ($V=8.3$ mag, $K=7.2$ mag) young F-star with a period of 5.6 days. The host star, KELT-24 (HD 93148), has a $T_{\text{eff}} = 6508 \pm 49$ K, a mass of $M_* = 1.461^{+0.056}_{-0.060} M_{\odot}$, radius of $R_* = 1.506 \pm 0.022 R_{\odot}$, and an age of $0.77^{+0.61}_{-0.42}$ Gyr. Its planetary companion (KELT-24 b) has a radius of $R_p = 1.272^{+0.021}_{-0.022} R_J$, a mass of $M_p = 5.18^{+0.21}_{-0.22} M_J$, and from Doppler tomographic observations, we find that the planet's orbit is well-aligned to its host star's projected spin axis ($\lambda = 2.6^{+5.1}_{-3.6}$). The young age estimated for KELT-24 suggests that it only recently started to evolve from the zero-age main sequence. KELT-24 is the brightest star known to host a transiting giant planet with a period between 5 and 10 days. Although the circularization timescale is much longer than the age of the system, we do not detect a large eccentricity or significant misalignment that is expected from dynamical migration. The brightness of its host star and its moderate surface gravity make KELT-24b an intriguing target for detailed atmospheric characterization through spectroscopic emission measurements since it would bridge the current literature results that have primarily focused on lower mass hot Jupiters and a few brown dwarfs.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Despite confirmation of 4000 planets orbiting other stars, many of the questions raised by the first few discoveries over 20 years ago remain unanswered. One of the first possible planetary systems ever discovered was HD 114762 b, a massive Jupiter on an 84 day period around a late F-star (Latham et al. 1989). The inclination of the companion's orbit is not known, but it has a minimum mass of $11 M_J$ (Latham et al.

1989). Interestingly, over the past 30 years since this discovery, we now know of over 250 planets with a measured minimum mass between 4 and 13 Jupiter masses. Above $\sim 13 M_J$, a sub-stellar companion can begin to fuse deuterium in its core, currently an arbitrary method for distinguishing planets and brown dwarfs. Another method to distinguish between brown dwarfs and giant planets is their formation mechanisms. Formation theories for brown dwarfs are similar to stars, in that they form either through gravitational instability or molecular cloud fragmentation while gas giant planet formation is likely dominated by core accretion (Chabrier et al. 2014, and references therein). However, there are inconsistencies between the deuterium burning and formation arguments to distinguish between planets and brown dwarfs since

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it is possible to form an object above the deuterium-burning limit through core accretion (Baraffe et al. 2008; Mollière & Mordasini 2012; Bodenheimer et al. 2013). The distinction between brown dwarfs and giant planets has been debated for decades (e.g. Chabrier 2003; Chabrier et al. 2007; Spiegel et al. 2011). The detailed characterization of massive Jupiters and low-mass brown dwarfs may shed light on their defining characteristics. However, the relatively low number of massive giant planets transiting bright host stars known, combined with their expected smaller atmospheric scale heights due to their higher surface gravity, has so far limited atmospheric studies of massive hot Jupiters and brown dwarfs.

The discovery of 51 Peg b (Mayor & Queloz 1995), a Jupiter-mass object orbiting a Sun-like star with a period of only 4.23 days, led to the idea that giant planets must undergo large scale migration since it was commonly believed that giant planets could only form out past the ice line. However, it is not clear what mechanisms govern this migration, or if giant planets can form in situ close to the star (Batygin et al. 2016; Huang et al. 2016). One possibility is that giant planets migrate slowly and smoothly within the circumstellar gas-dust disk, resulting in well-aligned, nearly circular orbits (Goldreich & Tremaine 1980; Lin et al. 1996; D’Angelo et al. 2003). It is also thought that planetary migration may be heavily influenced by gravitational interactions with other bodies within the system. These interactions can result in highly eccentric and misaligned orbits (relative to the rotation axis of the star), that will dampen due to tidal effects, and is typically referred to as “High Eccentricity Migration (HEM)” (Rasio & Ford 1996; Wu & Murray 2003; Fabrycky & Tremaine 2007; Nagasawa & Ida 2011; Wu & Lithwick 2011).

Due to their high rotation velocities ($v \sin i_* > 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$), hot ($> 6250 \text{ K}$) massive stars were avoided by many spectroscopic and photometric surveys for planets, including *Kepler* (Borucki et al. 2010). This was primarily due to the difficulty in measuring precise radial velocities ($< 200 \text{ m s}^{-1}$) from rotationally broadened spectral lines. However, with the advancement of techniques to measure the Rossiter-McLaughlin effect (Rossiter 1924; McLaughlin 1924; Gaudi & Winn 2007; Cegla et al. 2016) and Doppler Tomography (Collier Cameron et al. 2010), a few dozen giant planets have now been confirmed around rapidly rotating F- and A-type stars. From these discoveries, a pattern has emerged where hot Jupiters around massive stars tend to be in misaligned orbits relative to their host star’s rotation axis (Winn et al. 2010; Albrecht et al. 2012). This observed trend might be a signature that hot Jupiters predominantly migrate through HEM resulting in highly-eccentric and misaligned short-period orbits (see review Dawson & Johnson 2018 for a more in-depth discussion on tidal migration of hot Jupiters.).

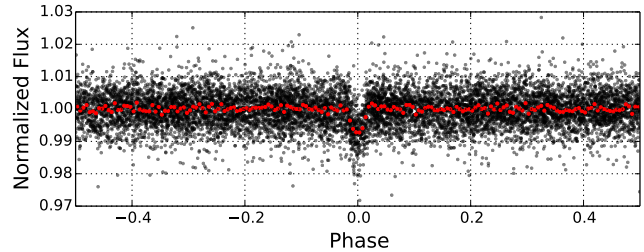


Figure 1. The KELT discovery light curve of KELT-24 containing 10181 observations from the KELT-North telescope phase-folded on the discovery period of 5.551477 days. The red points are the data binned on a 45-minute time scale.

With the recent launch and early success of NASA’s Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (*TESS*) mission, we have now entered the next major chapter in the field of exoplanets. The primary mission for *TESS* is to discover and measure the masses of 50 small planets ($R < 4 R_{\oplus}$) to understand their bulk compositions (Ricker et al. 2015). However, *TESS* will observe over 85% of the entire sky during its 2-year nominal mission, with the expectation of discovering thousands of giant planets (Barclay et al. 2018). There have already been over a dozen discoveries announced, including a number of giant planets on short-period, eccentric orbits (Brahm et al. 2018; Nielsen et al. 2019; Rodriguez et al. 2019). Also, unlike the ground-based surveys which struggle to discover longer period hot Jupiters due to their poor duty cycle, *TESS* should be complete for all short-period transiting hot Jupiters ($P \lesssim 5$ days). Short-duration ground-based surveys can be a great asset in the discovery of longer period giant planets ($P \gtrsim 5$ days) by precovering the ephemerides of the hundreds of single transits expected in the short baseline (~ 27 days) of *TESS* observations (Villanueva et al. 2019; Yao et al. 2019). Additionally, detecting planets before their host stars are observed by *TESS* provides the opportunity to take advantage of the photometric precision and conduct detailed characterization of the planet’s atmosphere through optical phase curves (see WASP-18b, Shporer et al. 2019).

In this paper, we present the discovery of KELT-24b, a massive ($5.18^{+0.21}_{-0.22} M_J$) Jupiter on a prograde orbit ($\lambda = 2.6^{+5.1}_{-3.6}$ degrees) orbiting a young ($0.77^{+0.61}_{-0.42}$ Gyr) F-star. The brightness of the host star ($V=8.3$ mag) and the large planetary radius ($1.2 R_J$) relative to its high mass, makes KELT-24b well-suited for detailed characterization of its atmosphere. Additionally, KELT-24b should be observed by *TESS* in the upcoming sectors 20 and 21, which should provide a great opportunity for simultaneous observations with the Hubble Space Telescope.

The paper is organized in the following way: We describe our observations and the detection of KELT-24b as a candidate in §2. We present our global analysis of all observations in §3. In §4 we place the KELT-24 system in context with all

Table 1. Literature and Measured Properties for KELT-24

Other identifiers			
HD 93148			
HIP 52796, TYC 4388-1652-1			
BD+72 502, TIC 349827430			
Parameter	Description	Value	Source
α_{J2000}	Right Ascension (RA)...	10:47:38.35101	1
δ_{J2000}	Declination (Dec).....	+71:39:21.15672	1
l	Galactic Longitude.....	135.5728726°	1
b	Galactic Latitude.....	+42.30147339°	1
B_T	Tycho B_T mag.....	8.913 ^{+0.020} _{-0.016}	2
V_T	Tycho V_T mag.....	8.389 ^{+0.020} _{-0.012}	2
G	Gaia G mag.....	8.238±0.02	1
J	2MASS J mag.....	7.408 ± 0.020	3
H	2MASS H mag.....	7.200 ± 0.04	3
K_S	2MASS K_S mag.....	7.154 ± 0.02	3
$WISE1$	$WISE1$ mag.....	7.106 ± 0.039	4
$WISE2$	$WISE2$ mag.....	7.134 ^{+0.030} _{-0.019}	4
$WISE3$	$WISE3$ mag.....	7.148 ^{+0.030} _{-0.017}	4
$WISE4$	$WISE4$ mag.....	7.184 ^{+0.1} _{-0.098}	4
μ_α	Gaia DR2 proper motion in RA (mas yr ⁻¹)	-56.184 ± 0.053	1
μ_δ	Gaia DR2 proper motion in DEC (mas yr ⁻¹)	-34.808 ± 0.064	1
π^\dagger	Gaia Parallax (mas)....	10.414 ± 0.0469 [†]	1
RV	Systemic radial velocity (km s ⁻¹)	-5.749 ± 0.065	§2.3
d	Distance (pc).....	96.025±0.306 [†]	1
U^*	Space Velocity (km s ⁻¹)	-11.00 ± 0.11	§2.7
V	Space Velocity (km s ⁻¹)	-9.36 ± 0.10	§2.7
W	Space Velocity (km s ⁻¹)	0.11 ± 0.05	§2.7

NOTES: The uncertainties of the photometry have a systematic error floor applied.

[†] Values have been corrected for the -0.82 μ as offset as reported by [Stassun & Torres \(2018\)](#).

* U is in the direction of the Galactic center.

References are: ¹[Gaia Collaboration et al. \(2018\)](#), ²[Høg et al. \(2000\)](#), ³[Cutri et al. \(2003\)](#), ⁴[Zacharias et al. \(2017\)](#)

known planets and given an overview of future detailed characterization observations for which it would be well-suited. We summarize our results and conclusions in §5.

2. OBSERVATIONS AND ARCHIVAL DATA

2.1. KELT Photometry

The Kilodegree Extremely Little Telescope (KELT) survey¹ uses two 42mm telescopes to discover hot Jupiters orbiting bright host stars ($7 < V < 12$), planets well-suited for detailed atmospheric characterization ([Pepper et al. 2007, 2012, 2018](#)). With one telescope in Sonita, AZ and the other at the South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) in Suther-

land, South Africa, KELT surveys over 85% of the entire sky with a 20-30 minute cadence. Each observing site has a Mamiya 645 80mm f/1.9 42mm lens with a 4k×4k Apogee CCD on a Paramount ME mount. This system provides a $26^\circ \times 26^\circ$ field of view with a $23''$ pixel scale. KELT has made a significant impact on our understanding of exoplanets around early-type stars, with the discovery of 5 transiting hot Jupiters orbiting A-stars ([Zhou et al. 2016b](#); [Gaudi et al. 2017](#); [Lund et al. 2017](#); [Johnson et al. 2018](#); [Sivervd et al. 2018](#)) and 6 orbiting F-stars ([Pepper et al. 2013](#); [Collins et al. 2014](#); [Bieryla et al. 2015](#); [McLeod et al. 2017](#); [Stevens et al. 2017](#); [Temple et al. 2017](#)).

The planetary companion orbiting HD 93148 (hereafter KELT-24 b) was identified from a joint analysis of five separate KELT-North fields that cover the celestial Northern polar cap, KN25 through KN29 (although KELT-24 was only observed in two of the five fields). We reduced each of these KELT-North fields separately following the normal reduction process described in [Sivervd et al. \(2012\)](#) and [Kuhn et al. \(2016\)](#). Once the raw light curves from each field were detrended, using the trend filtering algorithm (TFA, [Kovács et al. 2005](#)), we cross-matched each field to the Tycho-2 catalog ([Høg et al. 2000](#)). We then cross-matched the Tycho-2 IDs between the five polar cap fields from KELT-North and combined the detrended light curves into one per Tycho star. We then follow our normal candidate selection process on these combined light curves to identify a list of new polar cap candidates. We also examined the All-Sky Automated Survey for SuperNovae (ASAS-SN, [Shappee et al. 2014](#); [Kochanek et al. 2017](#); [Jayasinghe et al. 2018](#)) light curves of stars nearby the KELT transit candidates to exclude nearby eclipsing binaries. KELT-24 is located at J2000 $\alpha = 10^h 47^m 38^s.351$ $\delta = +71^\circ 39' 21''.157$. KELT-24 was observed 10181 times across the two KELT-North fields KN26 and KN27 from UT 2013 September 24 until UT 2017 December 31, after outliers were removed from our normal data reduction process. From our candidate selection process, we identified a candidate planet with a 5.551477 day period and a transit depth of 0.71%. See Figure 1 for the discovery light curve of KELT-24 b.

2.2. Ground-based Photometry from the KELT Follow-up Network

Unfortunately, systematic noise and astrophysical scenarios can mimic transit signals. To rule out nearby blended eclipsing binaries and precisely measure the depth, duration, and ephemeris, we obtained multiband photometric follow-up of KELT-24 b from the KELT Follow-Up Network (KELT-FUN, [Collins et al. 2018](#)). KELT-FUN is a worldwide network of amateur astronomers, small-college observatories, and observing time on the Las Cumbres Observatory telescope network ([Brown et al. 2013](#)). The telescopes

¹ <https://keltsurvey.org>

Table 2. Photometric follow-up observations of KELT-24 b and the detrending parameters used for the global fit.

Observatory	Date (UT)	Diameter (m)	Filter	FOV	Pixel Scale	Exposure (s)	Detrending
ULMT	2019 March 30	0.6096	z'	$26.8' \times 26.8'$	$0.39''$	100	airmass, x coordinates
FLWO/KeplerCam	2019 March 30	1.2	i'	$23.1' \times 23.1'$	$0.37''$	60	airmass
ULMT	2019 April 11	0.6096	z'	$26.8' \times 26.8'$	$0.39''$	100	None
FLWO/KeplerCam	2019 April 11	1.2	i'	$23.1' \times 23.1'$	$0.37''$	90	airmass
SOTES	2019 April 05	0.08	R	$84' \times 57'$	$1.52''$	240	airmass
LCO TFN	2019 April 27	0.4	z'	$19' \times 29'$	$0.57''$	30	airmass
KAO	2019 May 03	1.3	z'	$12.2' \times 12.2'$	$0.357''$	40	airmass

NOTES: All the follow-up photometry presented in this paper is available in machine-readable form in the online journal. See [Collins et al. \(2018\)](#) for detailed description of the KELT-FUN facilities.

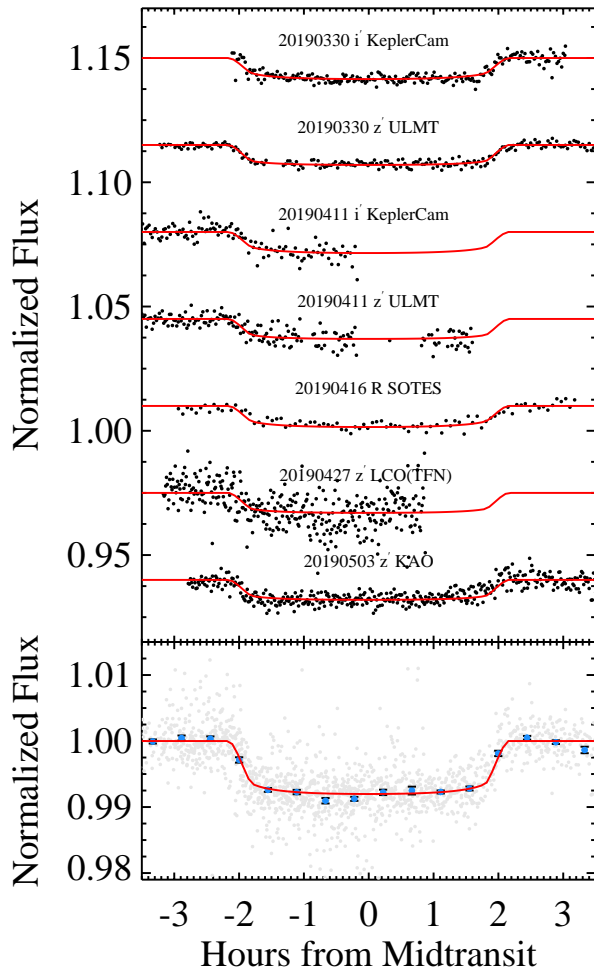


Figure 2. *Top:* The KELT-FUN light curves of KELT-24 b phased to global fit determined ephemeris shown in Table 5. See Table 2 for the information on each KELT FUN observation. The relative flux points for each observation are shown in black and the EXOFASTv2 model is plotted in red. *Bottom:* All light curves combined and binned to 24 minutes (blue dots with black error bars.). This combined light curve is not used in our analysis.

range from 0.2 – 2 meters in diameter, and this network has been responsible for the confirmation of dozens of giant planets, and the vetting of thousands of candidates. We also observed a transit of KELT-24 b on UT 2019 May 03 from the Koyama Astronomical Observatory (KAO) located at Kyoto Sangyo University in Kyoto, Japan. We used the `TAPIR` software package ([Jensen 2013](#)) to schedule the observations of KELT-24. Most of the follow-up photometry was reduced and analyzed using the `AstroImageJ` astronomical observation analysis software ([Collins et al. 2017](#)). For information on the follow-up facilities that observed KELT-24b, see Table 2. The follow-up transits of KELT-24 b are shown in Figure 2.

2.3. TRES Spectroscopy

To confirm the planetary nature of KELT-24 b, we obtained 59 spectra using the Tillinghast Reflector Echelle Spectrograph (TRES; [Fűrész 2008](#))² on the 1.5m Tillinghast Reflector located at the Fred L. Whipple Observatory (FLWO) on Mt. Hopkins, AZ. TRES has a resolving power of $R \sim 44,000$, and has been highly successful in confirming exoplanet candidates from both ground- and space-based transit surveys. We reduced the TRES spectra and extract radial velocities (RVs) following the procedure described in [Buchhave et al. \(2010\)](#) and [Quinn et al. \(2012\)](#) with the exception of the creation of the template spectrum used. To create a high signal-to-noise ratio template spectrum, we shifted and median-combined the out-of-transit spectra. We then used the median template to remove cosmic rays and replaced them with the appropriate section of the stellar spectrum rather than interpolating across the masked outliers. We cross-correlated the cleaned observed spectra against the median template to determine our final relative RVs (see Table 3 and Figure 3). We report RVs derived from only 19 of the 59 spectra in our orbital solution. We excluded the in-transit spectra, for which the Rossiter-McLaughlin effect will systematically bias the

² <http://www.sao.arizona.edu/html/FLWO/60/TRES/GABORthesis.pdf>

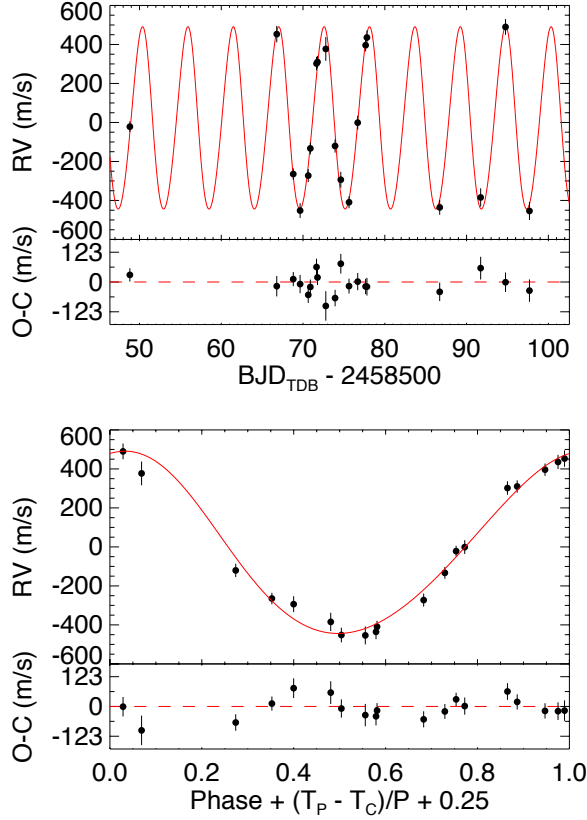


Figure 3. (Top) Radial velocity measurements from TRES (black). (Bottom) The radial velocity measurements are phase-folded to the best determined period by EXOFASTv2, 5.55 days. The EXOFASTv2 model is shown in red and the residuals to the best-fit are shown below each plot. We see no periodicity in the residuals from our fit.

RVs. We furthermore included only 1 out-of-transit RV from the night of the transit observation, as inclusion of all of the RVs from that night could bias the solution if, for example, localized stellar activity in a given night has affected the RVs at that epoch. We calculated bisector spans for the out-of-transit TRES spectra following the method described in [Torres et al. \(2007\)](#). We see no significant correlation between the bisector spans and the RVs. We also see no large scatter above the RV uncertainties, which are small relative to the RV semi-amplitude.

To constrain the stellar parameters T_{eff} and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ for our global analysis, we analyzed the TRES spectra using the Stellar Parameter Classification (SPC) package ([Buchhave et al. 2012](#)). We determined the effective temperature, metallicity, surface gravity, and rotational velocity of KELT-24 to be: $T_{\text{eff}} = 6499 \pm 50$ K, $\log g_{\star} = 4.28 \pm 0.10$, and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.16 \pm 0.08$. We measure $v \sin i_{\star} = 19.46 \pm 0.18$ km s $^{-1}$ and a macro-turbulent broadening of 10.47 ± 1.47 km s $^{-1}$ for KELT-24 following the method presented in [Zhou et al. \(2016a\)](#) and [Zhou et al. \(2018\)](#).

Table 3. Relative Out of Transit Radial Velocities for KELT-24 from TRES

BJD _{TDB}	RV (m s $^{-1}$)	σ_{RV} (m s $^{-1}$)	Bisectors	σ_{Bis}
2458548.824216	402.7	20.4	-8.7	64.5
2458566.788751	877.4	38.1	-33.4	60.1
2458568.804163	159.8	22.8	-33.2	72.5
2458569.643873	-27.6	32.9	-86.8	66.0
2458570.638165	151.7	27.7	197.2	77.6
2458570.893951	291.2	24.4	-23.5	56.4
2458571.650562	726.4	29.2	-14.0	45.0
2458571.768010	734.4	25.4	-127.6	60.3
2458572.781102	801.4	58.1	37.8	116.0
2458573.918608	303.8	28.7	89.0	42.4
2458574.618596	130.8	36.5	14.4	63.8
2458575.626432	15.1	24.5	9.8	55.6
2458576.685400	423.3	30.4	9.9	53.6
2458577.655622	820.4	25.7	-95.1	55.8
2458577.812743	860.0	31.6	-56.8	46.7
2458586.716848	-11.2	33.2	100.8	94.4
2458591.721299	39.8	43.2	-199.2	108.3
2458594.763412	914.2	35.9	-112.1	63.8
2458597.690503	-29.5	42.4	-84.6	58.3

Of the 59 TRES spectra, 40 were taken during and immediately after the transit of KELT-24 b on UT 2019 March 31 with the aim of measuring the spectroscopic transit of the planet. The exposures during transit achieved a signal-to-noise ratio of 70-90 per resolution element on the Mg b lines. During the transit, the planet successively blocks different parts of the rotating stellar disk, casting a shadow that is seen as an indentation on the spectroscopic line profile. By extracting this indentation from the stellar line profile of each spectrum, we can reveal the spectroscopic transit of the planet, a technique known as Doppler tomography ([Collier Cameron et al. 2010](#)). The Doppler tomographic (DT) signal of KELT-24 b was extracted from these spectra following the methodology from [Zhou et al. \(2016a\)](#). We fit the DT signal from TRES within our global fit (see §3 and Figure 4) to constrain the spin-orbit alignment of KELT-24 b.

To derive an absolute RV for KELT-24, we cross-correlated each TRES spectrum against the CfA library of synthetic spectra (see, e.g., [Nordstroem et al. 1994](#); [Latham et al. 2002](#)), which employ Kurucz model atmospheres ([Kurucz 1992](#)). The instrumental zero-point is calculated using RV standard stars that are monitored nightly and placed on the absolute RV scale from [Nidever et al. \(2002\)](#). This results in an absolute systemic velocity of -5.749 ± 0.065 km s $^{-1}$.

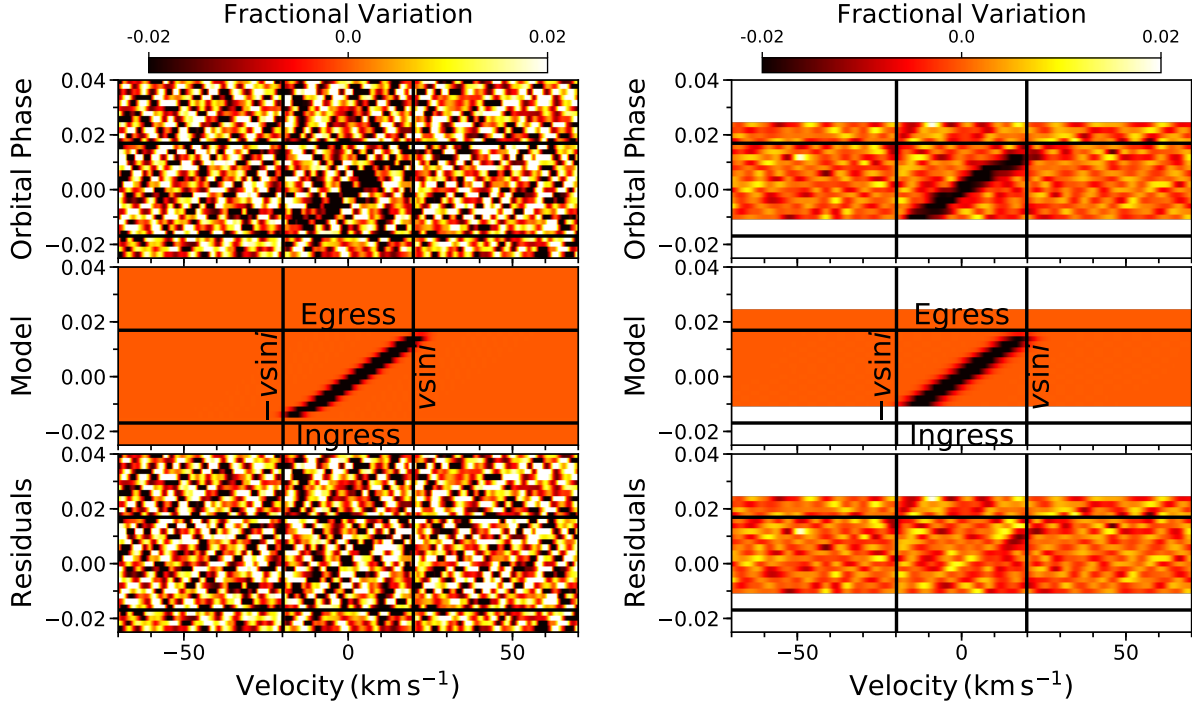


Figure 4. The Doppler Tomographic transit of KELT-24 b on UT 2018 March 31 from (Left) MINERVA and (Right) TRES. The line profiles from each instrument are plotted as a function of orbital phase and velocity. The MINERVA observation is the combined Doppler tomographic signal from telescopes 2 and 3 (see §2.4). The top panel in each plot represents the observed transit. The middle and bottom panels show the best-fit models and residuals after the model has been subtracted. MINERVA observed the entire transit, with baseline on each side, while TRES did not observe the beginning of the transit.

2.4. MINERVA Spectroscopy

We also obtained 37 1800-second spectroscopic exposures of KELT-24 using the MINiature Exoplanet Radial Velocity Array (MINERVA) during the entire night beginning UT 2019 March 31, of which 17 exposures were taken during the transit of KELT-24 b. MINERVA is an array of four PlaneWave CDK700 0.7m telescopes located at Mt. Hopkins, Arizona (Swift et al. 2015; Wilson et al. 2019). The four telescopes simultaneously fiber feed an R=80,000 KiwiSpec spectrograph (Barnes et al. 2012; Gibson et al. 2012), so each exposure contains a spectrum from the four telescopes, each covering roughly 500-630 nm. While MINERVA is typically calibrated with an iodine cell, we removed it during these exposures to increase throughput. Wilson et al. (2019) showed that the vacuum-stabilized, temperature-controlled spectrograph is stable on \sim year-long timescales, and so we did not expect significant variation of the spectrograph during the night. An approximate wavelength solution for the DT analysis was derived from archival thorium argon exposures.

Only two of the four telescopes showed a significant signal. This was the first attempt at guiding all night on the same target, and the star drifted off the fiber due to flexure between the fiber and the guide camera in the other two telescopes before the transit began, and so their data were not used in

this analysis. The DT signal was extracted from the MINERVA in-transit spectra following the technique shown by Zhou et al. (2016a). We simultaneously fit the Doppler tomographic signal observed from each MINERVA telescope (see §3 and Figure 4 which shows the combined MINERVA DT signal for both telescopes.)

2.5. Keck/NIRC2 AO Imaging

The follow-up photometric observations from KELT-FUN of KELT-24 can only detect bright nearby companions at a separation of a few arcseconds. Unfortunately, nearby unresolved companions can significantly influence the estimated planetary radius by diluting the transit depth (Ciardi et al. 2015). Therefore, to properly account for any photometric contamination from any unaccounted stellar sources, we observed KELT-24 with the Near Infrared Camera 2 (NIRC2) adaptive optics (AO) set up on the W. M. Keck Observatory on UT 2019 May 12 in the Br- γ band (see Figure 5). NIRC2 on KECK has a 1024×1024 CCD and $9.942 \text{ mas pix}^{-1}$ pixel scale. Part of the detector (the lower left quadrant) suffers from higher than typical noise levels compared to the other quadrants. A 3-point dither pattern was used to avoid this part of the detector. After sky removal and flat-fielding corrections were applied, the observations of KELT-24 were aligned and co-added to create the final image seen in Figure

5, and a final 5σ sensitivity curve as a function of spatial separation as shown embedded in the plot. We detected a nearby star in Br- γ with a contrast of 2.6 mag in the KECK NIRC2 AO images. *Gaia* detected the same star with a ΔG of 4.76 and a separation of $2.064 \pm 0.001''$ (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018). This star has a parallax of 11.108 ± 0.127 mas corresponding to a distance of 90.25 ± 1.03 pc, with a correction applied from Stassun & Torres 2018, and proper motions of $\mu_\alpha, \mu_\delta = -50.756 \pm 0.325, -37.811 \pm 0.200$ mas yr $^{-1}$. These proper motions are significantly different from the proper motions of KELT-24: $\mu_\alpha, \mu_\delta = -56.184 \pm 0.053, -34.808 \pm 0.064$ mas yr $^{-1}$ and the estimated radial distances to each star from *Gaia* differ by 5.7 pc. Since the two stars only have a projected separation of $2.064''$ (186 au), they are physically separated by ~ 5.7 pc. Therefore, it is not clear whether this companion is bound to KELT-24.

We determined the sensitivity to any additional nearby bound or unbound companions by injecting simulated sources with a S/N of 5 azimuthally around the primary target every 45° at separations of integer multiples of the central source’s FWHM. The contrast limits at each injected location were determined from the brightness of the injected sources relative to KELT-24. We average all of the determined limits at each radial separation to establish the 5σ detection limit at that distance. The rms dispersion of these azimuthally averaged limits set the uncertainty at each radial separation (Furlan et al. 2017).

The nearby faint companion is blended in all of our photometric follow-up observations from KELT-FUN. To create the $\sim 0.7\%$ transit seen in our follow up photometry from KELT-FUN, this companion would need to have a $\sim 59\%$ deep eclipse. While unlikely, it is not impossible for an eclipsing binary to have this deep of an eclipse. However, due to its small flux contribution to the spectroscopic line profiles, a companion this faint is not able to significantly influence the RVs. It is possible that a faint companion can slightly affect the measured RVs, but this would only be at the level of a few m/s, not the hundreds of m/s we detect for the orbit of KELT-24 b ($K = 458$ m s $^{-1}$, see discussion of blended CCFs in Buchhave et al. 2011). Therefore, our subsequent RV follow up confirms that the planetary companion is orbiting our target star (KELT-24) and not the faint companion detected in *Gaia* and our KECK AO observations. To properly determine the size of KELT-24 b, we account for the companion’s contribution in our global analysis (see §3).

2.6. SED Analysis

The spectral energy distribution (SED) was not included within our global fit due to the presence of the nearby companion seen by *Gaia* and our AO observations (see §2.5 and Figure 5). Therefore, we performed a 2-component SED fit to determine the flux contribution from the companion in

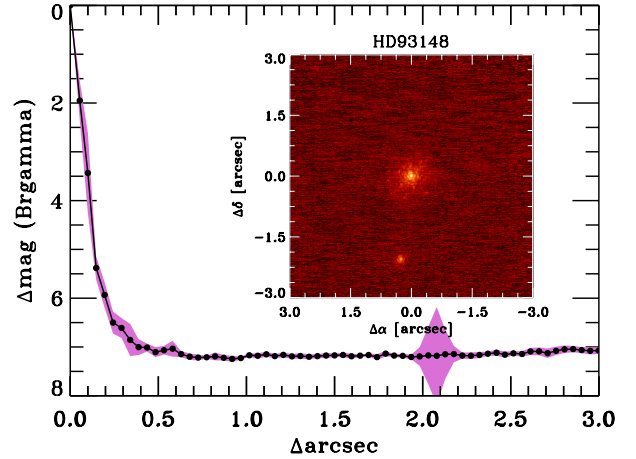


Figure 5. The Br- γ -band AO image from KECK NIRC2 and 5σ contrast curve for KELT-24. The purple swath represents the uncertainty on the 5σ contrast curve (see §2.5).

each of our follow-up photometric filters to use as an input into our global analysis (see §3). Using the available broadband photometry shown in Table 1, we fit the SED for KELT-24 from $0.2\text{--}20$ μm (Figure 7). We applied a minimum uncertainty to the reported errors to account for a systematic error floor in the broadband magnitudes reported in the various catalogs. The nearby companion has a ΔG of 4.76 and a $\Delta\text{Br-}\gamma$ of 2.6 mag. We assumed both stars have the same extinction (A_V) and use the observed ΔG and $\Delta\text{Br-}\gamma$ to fit an SED for the faint companion (see Figure 7). The Kurucz (1992) stellar atmosphere models were used to fit each flux point for the primary and the NextGen model atmosphere grid were used for the companion (Hauschildt et al. 1999), and we use the SPC determined T_{eff} and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ as Gaussian priors. We also used the $\log g_*$ from the global fit (see §3) as a Gaussian prior. We allowed A_V to be a free parameter but constrain it to the maximum permitted line-of-sight extinction from Schlegel et al. (1998).

The final SED fit has a reduced χ^2 of 2.7, an extinction of $A_V = 0.11 \pm 0.02$ mag (see Figure 7), and an unextincted bolometric flux received at Earth of $F_{\text{bol}} = 1.309 \pm 0.015 \times 10^{-10}$ erg s $^{-1}$ cm $^{-2}$ (correcting for the contamination of the companion). We combined the bolometric flux with the T_{eff} from our SPC analysis (which was adopted for this fit) to measure the radius of KELT-24 to be $R_* = 1.526 \pm 0.022 R_\odot$. We enforced a Gaussian prior on R_* in our global fit (see §3). The flux contribution from the nearby companion is 1.01% (R), 1.79% (i'), and 2.73% (z').

2.7. Location in the Galaxy, UVW Space Motion, and Galactic Population

We determined the three-dimensional Galactic space motion of KELT-24 to understand its location within the

Milky Way galaxy and the Galactic population it belongs to. KELT-24 is located at $\alpha_{J2000} = 10^h47^m38^s.351$ and $\delta_{J2000} = +71^\circ39'21''.157$, and from *Gaia* DR2 the parallax is 10.414 ± 0.0469 mas (after applying the correction from [Stassun & Torres 2018](#)). Ignoring the Lutz-Kelker bias which should be negligible ([Lutz & Kelker 1973](#)), this star is located at a distance of 96.02 ± 0.43 pc from the Sun. Combining the sky position and distance, KELT-24 is located at a vertical ($Z-Z_\odot$) distance of 64.6 pc from the Sun. [Bovy \(2017\)](#) estimates from *Gaia* data that the sun is located at a vertical distance above the plane of $Z_\odot \sim 30$ pc. Thus, KELT-24 is located at $Z \sim 100$ pc above the plane. This is the typical scale high for mid-to-late F thin disk stars ([Bovy 2017](#)). Using the *Gaia* parallax and proper motions $(\mu_\alpha, \mu_\delta) = (-56.184 \pm 0.053, -34.808 \pm 0.064 \text{ mas yr}^{-1})$ and the absolute radial velocity as determined from the TRES spectroscopy of $-5.749 \pm 0.065 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, we calculated the three-dimensional Galactic space motion of $(U, V, W) = (-11.00 \pm 0.11, -9.36 \pm 0.10, 0.11 \pm 0.05) \text{ km s}^{-1}$, where positive U is in the direction of the Galactic center and adopting the [Coşkunoğlu et al. \(2011\)](#) determination of the solar motion with respect to the local standard of rest. The relatively low W velocity of KELT-24 suggests that KELT 24 may be close to its maximum excursion above the plane. KELT-24 has a 99.5% chance of being located in the thin disk, according to the classification of [Bensby et al. \(2003\)](#). The location of KELT-24 and its relatively low UVW velocities are both consistent with it being a young star, which corroborates the relatively young age inferred from evolutionary models (see Figure 6). The only association that is close to the estimated distance (96 pc) and UVW velocities of KELT-24 is the Ursa Major moving group. While the distance and 3-D space motion of KELT-24 are clearly inconsistent with the core of the association, its distance is consistent with known members of the Ursa Major moving group stream. However, a full UVW analysis of the entire association using the *Gaia* DR2 proper motions and distances are needed to conclusively determine whether KELT-24 is a member of Ursa Major association.

3. EXOFASTv2 GLOBAL FIT FOR KELT-24

To understand the system parameters and place KELT-24b in the context of all known planets, we globally fit all available photometry and spectroscopic observations using the publicly available exoplanet modeling suite EXOFASTv2 ([Eastman et al. 2013; Eastman 2017](#)). We simultaneously fit the transit light curves from KELT-FUN (see Table 2 and Figure 2) with the RVs from TRES (see Table 3 and Figure 3). We enforced a Gaussian prior on the ephemeris of $T_C = 2457147.0522 \pm 0.0021 \text{ BJD}_{\text{TDB}}$ and $P = 5.551467 \pm 0.000034$ days from an EXOFASTv2 fit of just the KELT-North data. Within this analysis we also fit the

Table 4. Median values and 68% confidence interval for global model of KELT-24

Parameter	Units	Values
Stellar Parameters:		
M_*	Mass (M_\odot)	$1.461^{+0.056}_{-0.060}$
R_*	Radius (R_\odot)	1.506 ± 0.022
L_*	Luminosity (L_\odot)	$3.66^{+0.16}_{-0.15}$
ρ_*	Density (cgs)	$0.604^{+0.032}_{-0.033}$
$\log g$...	Surface gravity (cgs)	$4.248^{+0.018}_{-0.021}$
T_{eff}	Effective Temperature (K)	6508 ± 49
[Fe/H]	Metallicity (dex)	0.188 ± 0.077
[Fe/H] ₀	Initial Metallicity	$0.285^{+0.059}_{-0.058}$
Age	Age (Gyr)	$0.77^{+0.61}_{-0.42}$
EEP [†] ..	Equal Evolutionary Point	323^{+16}_{-23}
$v \sin i_*$..	Projected rotational velocity (m/s)	19.76 ± 0.16
ξ	Macroturbulence velocity (km/s)	$5.76^{+0.52}_{-0.50}$

NOTES: [†]The initial metallicity is the metallicity of the star when it was formed.

[‡]The Equal Evolutionary Point corresponds to static points in a stars evolutionary history when using the MIST isochrones and can be a proxy for age. See §2 in [Dotter \(2016\)](#) for a more detailed description of EEP.

DT signals observed on UT 2019 March 31 by MINERVA (two telescopes fit separately) and TRES (see Figure 4). The host star was characterized within the fit using the MESA Isochrones and Stellar Tracks (MIST) stellar evolution models ([Dotter 2016; Choi et al. 2016; Paxton et al. 2011, 2013, 2015](#)). The best-fit MIST evolutionary track is shown in Figure 6. From the SPC analysis of the TRES spectra (see §2.3), we enforced a Gaussian prior on T_{eff} ($6499 \pm 50 \text{ K}$), [Fe/H] (0.16 ± 0.08), and $v \sin i_*$ ($19.458 \pm 0.182 \text{ km s}^{-1}$). From *Gaia*, AO, and our 2-component SED fit, we know that the nearby companion contributes 1.01% in R , 1.79% in i' , and 2.73% in z' . To properly account for this contribution in the follow-up observations, we used these flux contributions with a 5% error as Gaussian priors in the EXOFASTv2 global fit. We note that the dilution prior on the follow-up photometry has no influence on the determined results. We also placed a prior on the radius of KELT-24 of $R_* = 1.526 \pm 0.022 R_\odot$, from our 2-component SED fit. The final results from our EXOFASTv2 fit of the KELT-24 system are shown in Tables 4 and 5.

The KELT-North data has a time baseline of over 4 years, covering 64 different transits of KELT-24 b. Therefore, we explored the possibility of including the KELT-North photometry in the EXOFASTv2 fit to provide a better constraint on the ephemeris of the transit for future follow-up. However, we ran tests to ensure that the lower precision of the KELT-North photometry did not significantly influence the resulting system parameters. As a result of KELT-24 being observed in two separate fields and KELT avoiding observing within 50° of the moon, the number of observations in each transit varies significantly, with a maximum of 54 observations over a 4.9 hour transit (plus ~ 1 hour baseline on

Table 5. Median values and 68% confidence interval for global model of KELT-24

Parameter	Description (Units)	Values		
P	Period (days)	5.5514926 ± 0.0000080		
R_P	Radius (R_J)	$1.272^{+0.021}_{-0.022}$		
T_C	Time of conjunction (BJD _{TDB})	2457147.0530 ± 0.0020		
T_0^\dagger	Optimal conjunction Time (BJD _{TDB})	$2458540.47759^{+0.00037}_{-0.00036}$		
a	Semi-major axis (AU)	$0.06971^{+0.00088}_{-0.00096}$		
i	Inclination (Degrees)	$89.16^{+0.60}_{-0.77}$		
e	Eccentricity	$0.077^{+0.024}_{-0.026}$		
ω_*	Argument of Periastron (Degrees)	55^{+13}_{-15}		
T_{eq}	Equilibrium temperature (K)	1458 ± 16		
M_P	Mass (M_J)	$5.18^{+0.21}_{-0.22}$		
K	RV semi-amplitude (m/s)	462 ± 16		
$\log K$	Log of RV semi-amplitude	2.665 ± 0.015		
R_P/R_*	Radius of planet in stellar radii	0.08683 ± 0.00072		
a/R_*	Semi-major axis in stellar radii	$9.96^{+0.17}_{-0.19}$		
δ	Transit depth (fraction)	$0.00754^{+0.00013}_{-0.00012}$		
$Depth$	Flux decrement at mid transit	$0.00754^{+0.00013}_{-0.00012}$		
τ	Ingress/egress transit duration (days)	$0.01459^{+0.00089}_{-0.00030}$		
T_{14}	Total transit duration (days)	$0.1791^{+0.0011}_{-0.0010}$		
T_{FWHM}	FWHM transit duration (days)	$0.16433^{+0.00084}_{-0.00085}$		
b	Transit Impact parameter	$0.136^{+0.13}_{-0.097}$		
b_S	Eclipse impact parameter	$0.16^{+0.13}_{-0.11}$		
τ_S	Ingress/egress eclipse duration (days)	$0.01678^{+0.00069}_{-0.00062}$		
$T_{S,14}$	Total eclipse duration (days)	$0.2026^{+0.0097}_{-0.010}$		
$T_{S,FWHM}$	FWHM eclipse duration (days)	$0.1859^{+0.0091}_{-0.010}$		
ρ_P	Density (cgs)	3.12 ± 0.19		
$\log g_P$	Surface gravity	$3.900^{+0.021}_{-0.022}$		
λ	Projected Spin-orbit alignment (Degrees)	$2.6^{+5.1}_{-3.6}$		
Θ	Safronov Number	0.388 ± 0.014		
$\langle F \rangle$	Incident Flux ($10^9 \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$)	$1.021^{+0.044}_{-0.042}$		
T_P	Time of Periastron (BJD _{TDB})	$2457146.60^{+0.17}_{-0.22}$		
T_S	Time of eclipse (BJD _{TDB})	$2457144.422^{+0.060}_{-0.056}$		
T_A	Time of Ascending Node (BJD _{TDB})	$2457145.842^{+0.054}_{-0.058}$		
T_D	Time of Descending Node (BJD _{TDB})	$2457148.399^{+0.048}_{-0.049}$		
$ecos\omega_*$		$0.041^{+0.017}_{-0.016}$		
$esin\omega_*$		$0.063^{+0.024}_{-0.027}$		
$M_P \sin i$	Minimum mass (M_J)	$5.18^{+0.21}_{-0.22}$		
M_P/M_*	Mass ratio	$0.00339^{+0.00013}_{-0.00012}$		
d/R_*	Separation at mid transit	9.32 ± 0.40		
P_T	A priori non-grazing transit prob	$0.0979^{+0.0044}_{-0.0040}$		
$P_{T,G}$	A priori transit prob	$0.1166^{+0.0052}_{-0.0047}$		
P_S	A priori non-grazing eclipse prob	$0.08621^{+0.0021}_{-0.00087}$		
$P_{S,G}$	A priori eclipse prob	$0.1026^{+0.0026}_{-0.0010}$		
Derived Values:				
$\delta_{S,3.6\mu m}$	Blackbody eclipse depth at $3.6\mu m$ (ppm)	431^{+15}_{-14}		
$\delta_{S,4.5\mu m}$	Blackbody eclipse depth at $4.5\mu m$ (ppm)	600^{+18}_{-17}		
Wavelength Parameters:				
	R	i'	z'	
u_1	linear limb-darkening coeff	$0.257^{+0.045}_{-0.046}$	0.235 ± 0.033	0.137 ± 0.023
u_2	quadratic limb-darkening coeff	0.320 ± 0.048	0.337 ± 0.034	0.292 ± 0.024
A_D	Dilution from neighboring stars	0.01003 ± 0.00050	$0.01759^{+0.00088}_{-0.00089}$	0.0268 ± 0.0013
Telescope Parameters:			TRES	
γ_{rel}	Relative RV Offset (m/s)	416^{+12}_{-11}		
σ_J	RV Jitter (m/s)	33^{+15}_{-14}		
σ_J^2	RV Jitter Variance	1140^{+1300}_{-740}		
Doppler Tomography Parameters:				
σ_{DT}	Doppler Tomography Error scaling	$0.9933^{+0.0095}_{-0.0093}$	—	—

NOTES: † Minimum covariance with period. All values in this table for the secondary occultation of KELT-24 b are predicted values from our global analysis.

Table 6. Median values and 68% confidence interval for global model of KELT-24

Transit Parameters:		KeplerCam UT 2019-03-30 (i')	ULMT UT 2019-03-30 (z')	KeplerCam UT 2019-04-10 (i')	ULMT UT 2019-04-11 (z')
σ^2	Added Variance	$0.00000329^{+0.00000036}_{-0.00000032}$	$0.00000114^{+0.00000016}_{-0.00000015}$	$0.00000831^{+0.00000011}_{-0.000000096}$	$0.00000680^{+0.00000086}_{-0.00000074}$
F_0	Baseline flux	1.00016 ± 0.00027	1.00016 ± 0.00011	1.00031 ± 0.00059	0.99985 ± 0.00021
C_0	Additive detrending coeff	-0.00089 ± 0.00058	0.00019 ± 0.00022	$0.0008^{+0.0013}_{-0.0014}$	—
C_1	Additive detrending coeff	—	0.00032 ± 0.00022	—	—
Transit Parameters:		SOTES UT 2019-04-16 (R)	LCO TFN UT 2019-04-27 (z')	KAO UT 2019-05-03 (z')	
σ^2	Added Variance	$-0.00000069^{+0.00000049}_{-0.00000040}$	$0.0000334^{+0.00000034}_{-0.00000031}$	$0.00000560^{+0.00000054}_{-0.00000049}$	
F_0	Baseline flux	1.00034 ± 0.00041	1.00553 ± 0.00077	1.00245 ± 0.00029	
C_0	Additive detrending coeff	$-0.00059^{+0.00077}_{-0.00078}$	-0.0001 ± 0.0015	0.00267 ± 0.00060	

each side). We ran two separate EXOFASTv2 fits, one as described in the previous paragraph that excluded the KELT-North data but placed a Gaussian prior on the ephemeris of KELT-24 b (T_C and period) from an EXOFASTv2 fit of just the KELT-North data. We also ran another fit where we included all 64 transits from KELT-North plus the KELT-FUN follow-up transits (see Figure 2). From this test, we saw no evidence that the inclusion of the KELT-North observations significantly influenced the results since the two fits were consistent to within $< 1\sigma$ on all parameters. We did see a small (17.5%) improvement on the precision of KELT-24 b's period when including the KELT-North transits in the global fit. We note that this difference in precision corresponds to < 1 second. The optimal time of conjunction had a similar precision between the two fits. We did notice that the inclusion of the KELT data resulted in a duration that is shorter (than the fit excluding the KELT data) by 25 seconds. Although this is within the 1σ uncertainty on the transit duration from our results (see Table 5), we choose to not include the KELT observations within the global fit as a precaution.

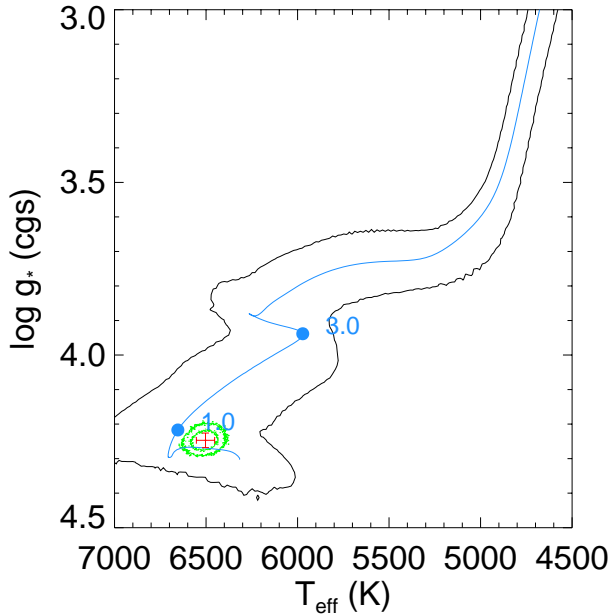


Figure 6. The best fitting MIST track is shown by the blue line. The 3σ contours for the MIST evolutionary tracks are shown in black. The median values and 1σ errors from our global fit for T_{eff} and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ are shown in red with the corresponding 3σ contours in green. The blue points represent the 1.0 and 3.0 Gyr positions along the MIST track.

4. DISCUSSION

KELT-24 b has some key characteristics that make it a compelling target for detailed characterization. Specifically, the host star is very bright, $V = 8.3$ mag, and the planet is

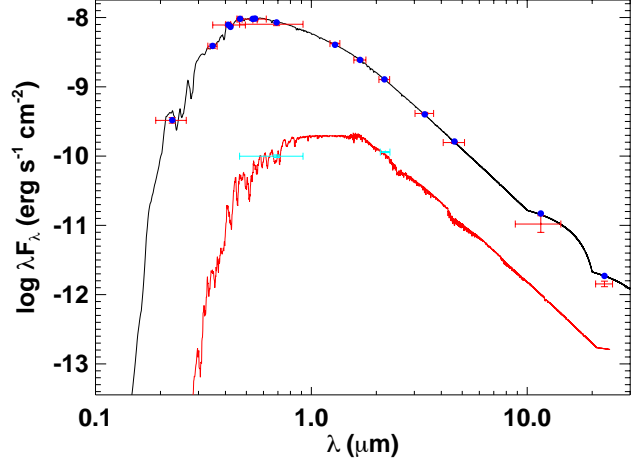


Figure 7. The two-component SED fit for KELT-24 and its companion. The blue points are the predicted integrated fluxes and the red points are the observed values at the corresponding passbands. The width of the bandpasses are the horizontal red error bars and the vertical errors represent the 1σ uncertainties. The cyan points are the G and $\text{Br-}\gamma$ fluxes from *Gaia* and our AO observations (see §2.5). The best-fit atmospheric model for KELT-24 is shown by the black solid and the companion is in red.

quite massive, $5.18^{+0.21}_{-0.22} M_J$. With such a high mass, it is interesting to see some signs that it is inflated ($R_p = 1.272^{+0.021}_{-0.022} R_J$). However, this is not unique to this system since many massive hot Jupiters have inflated radii. Of all the hot Jupiters known, KELT-24 b is one of only a few dozen massive ($M_p = 4\text{--}13 M_J$) hot Jupiters ($P < 10$ days) with a host star bright enough ($V < 13$ mag) to permit detailed characterization.³ At $V = 8.3$ mag, KELT-24 is the brightest known planetary host in this regime (see Figure 8). The host star, KELT-24, has a mass of $M_* = 1.461^{+0.056}_{-0.060} M_\odot$, a radius of $R_* = 1.506 \pm 0.022 R_\odot$, and an age of $0.77^{+0.61}_{-0.42}$ Gyr. It is the brightest star known to host a transiting giant planet with a period between 5 and 10 days, and one of the longest period planets discovered from ground-based surveys. The relatively young age of KELT-24 suggests it has just started to evolve from the zero-age main sequence, which is consistent with our UVW analysis (see §2.7).

We detected a non-zero, small 3σ eccentricity of $0.077^{+0.024}_{-0.026}$ for KELT-24 b's orbit. However, systems observed to have small eccentricities (< 0.1) are subject to the Lucy-Sweeney bias, where observational errors of a circular orbit can lead to the detection of a slight eccentricity (Lucy & Sweeney 1971). Therefore, we caution the reader about the detection of the eccentricity, even though it is detected at a formally significant confidence level. We do note that this eccentricity was

³ <https://exoplanetarchive.ipac.caltech.edu/>; Akeson et al. (2013); UT 2019 May 07

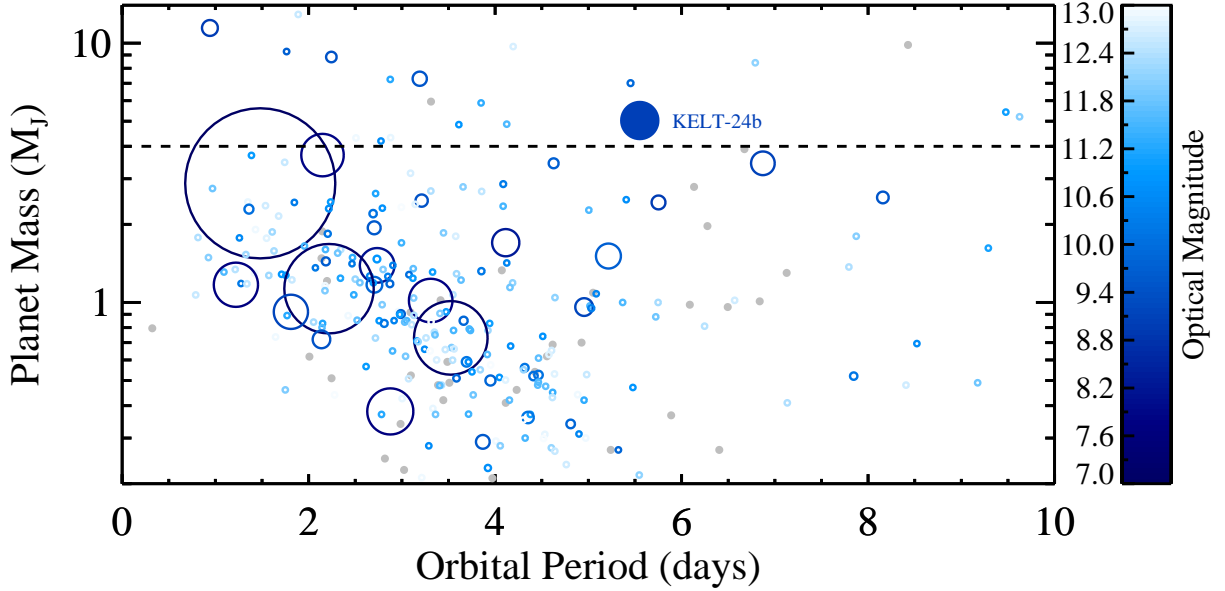


Figure 8. The distribution of planet mass and orbital period for the known population of radial velocity only (gray) and transiting hot Jupiters (colored by optical magnitude). The size of the circle is scaled by the host star’s apparent brightness. The filled in circle represents the location of KELT-24 b. We only show systems that have a 3σ or better measurement on the planet’s mass. The horizontal dashed line is the lower limit ($4 M_J$) of the massive hot Jupiters regime we discuss in §4. The data behind this figure was downloaded from the composite table on UT 2019 May 07 from the NASA Exoplanet Archive (Akeson et al. 2013).

not only constrained by the spectroscopic observations from TRES (see §2.3) but also from the KELT-FUN transit observations (i.e. the transit duration), since they are all globally modelled with EXOFASTv2 (see §3). Since the eccentricity is quite small and not conclusive, we use equation 3 from Adams & Laughlin (2006) to approximate the circularization timescale of KELT-24 b to be 12.7 Gyrs (assuming $Q_* = 10^6$). This circularization timescale does not change significantly when accounting for the small eccentricity detected. Since the age of KELT-24 is significantly smaller than the circularization timescale, we do not assume the eccentricity to be zero within our global analysis. Future observations should confirm this non-zero eccentricity by obtaining additional higher precision radial velocities and/or observing the secondary eclipse of KELT-24 b. The time difference between the secondary eclipse assuming zero eccentricity and one using $e = 0.078$ from our results is about 3.5 hours. Future eclipse observations should account for this when scheduling eclipse observations.

4.1. Tidal Evolution and Irradiation History

We calculated the past and future orbital evolution of the orbit of KELT-24 b under the influence of tides, using the POET code (Penev et al. 2014). We calculated the evolution of the orbital semi-major axis (see Figure 9) under the assumptions of a constant tidal phase lag (or constant tidal

quality factor), circular orbit, and no perturbations due to further, undetected, objects in the system. Under these assumptions, the tides that the star raises on the planet have no appreciable effect on the orbit, since the angular momentum that can be stored/extracted from the planet is a negligible fraction of the total orbital angular momentum. As a result, the tidal evolution is dominated by the dissipation of tidal perturbations in the star. We accounted for the evolution of the stellar radius, assuming a MIST (Dotter 2016; Choi et al. 2016) stellar evolutionary track appropriate for the best-fit stellar mass and metallicity from our global fit (see §3). Finally, we combined the evolution of the orbital semi-major axis with the evolution of the stellar luminosity per the same MIST model to calculate the evolution of the amount of irradiation received by the planet (see Figure 9). Because the tidal dissipation in stars is poorly constrained, and likely not well described by a simple constant phase lag model, we considered a broad range of plausible phase lags, parametrized by the commonly used tidal dissipation parameter Q'_* (the ratio of the tidal quality factor Q_* and the Love number, k_2).

Regardless of the tidal quality factor, we concluded that the planet has always been subject to a level of irradiation several times larger than the 2×10^8 threshold Demory & Seager (2011) suggest is required for the planet to be significantly inflated. Also, again regardless of the amount of dissipation, the planet has undergone at most moderate orbital evolution

prior to its current, nearly circular orbit. In contrast, the future fate of the planet is significantly impacted by the amount of tidal dissipation assumed. For tidal quality factor of $Q'_* = 10^5$, the planet will be engulfed by its parent star within a few hundred Myrs, while for $Q'_* = 10^7$ or larger the planet survives until the end of the main sequence life of its parent star.

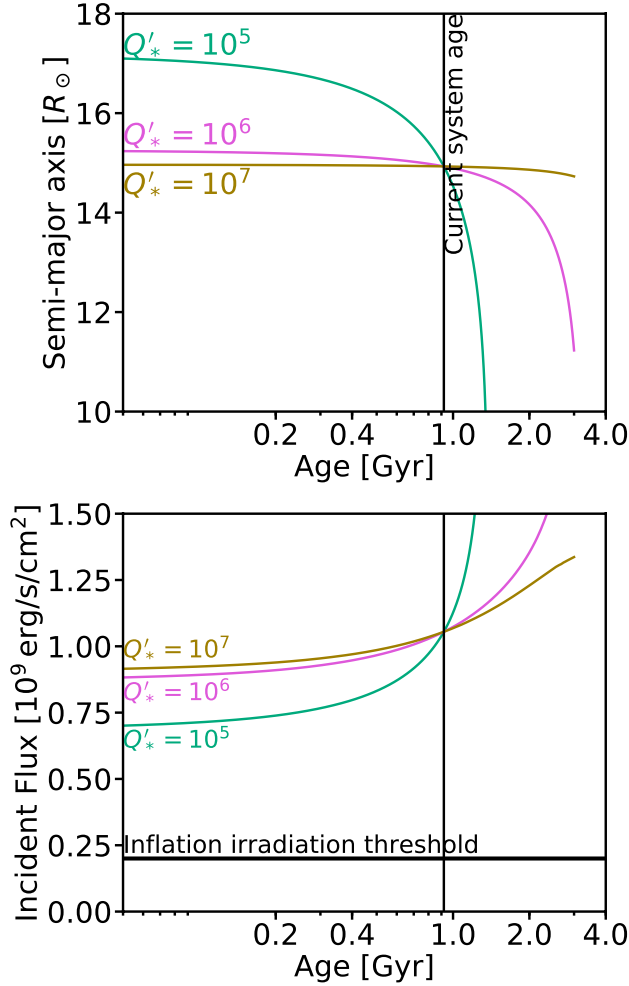


Figure 9. Evolution of the semi-major axis (*Top*) and irradiation (*bottom*) for KELT-24 b shown for a range of values for Q'_* . The color of the line indicates the dissipation in the star (green: $Q'_* = 10^5$, lavender: $Q'_* = 10^6$, gold: $Q'_* = 10^7$).

4.2. KELT-24's Aligned Orbit

KELT-24 b's aligned orbit is interesting in the context of its mass, possible small eccentricity, and the young age of the system. Hébrard et al. (2010) noted that for massive hot Jupiters, their orbits are typically prograde but with a non-zero misalignment angle, a pattern that still holds true today (see Figure 10). KELT-24 b is therefore somewhat unusual in that its sky-projected spin-orbit misalignment λ is consistent

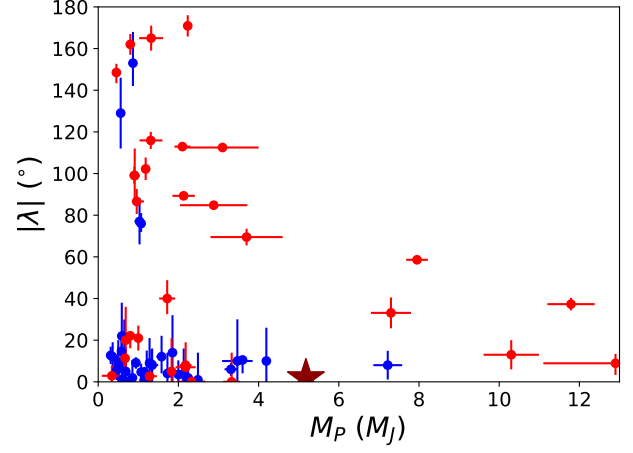


Figure 10. The spin-orbit misalignment of KELT-24 b in context with the population of hot Jupiters from the literature. We show the sky-projected spin-orbit misalignments $|\lambda|$ as a function of planetary mass. Red and blue plot points denote planets orbiting stars with effective temperatures less than or greater than the Kraft break at 6250 K, respectively; hot Jupiters orbiting cooler stars typically have well-aligned orbits, whereas those orbiting hotter stars like KELT-24 have a wide range of misalignments (Winn 2010). We highlight KELT-24 b as the large dark red star; the uncertainties are smaller than the plot symbol size. We show only planets with measured masses rather than upper limits, and uncertainties on the spin-orbit misalignments of less than 20° .

with zero, although the true 3-dimensional spin-orbit misalignment ψ could be larger if the host star is not viewed equator-on. We cannot measure the inclination of the stellar rotation axis I_* using our current data, but a TESS measurement of the rotation period via spot modulation or asteroseismology could allow this measurement.

Furthermore, KELT-24's young age and slightly eccentric, aligned orbit place some constraints upon the past history of the system. Some of the high-eccentricity migration mechanisms, such as the Kozai-Lidov mechanism (Anderson et al. 2016) or secular planet-planet interactions (Petrovich & Tremaine 2016) may take hundreds of Myr and typically leave planets in highly eccentric, misaligned orbits. Together with the long tidal damping timescale for the system (longer than the age of the universe), this suggests that KELT-24 b likely instead migrated through a faster, less dynamically violent mechanism such as interactions with the protoplanetary disk or in situ formation.

4.3. Atmospheric Characterization Prospects

As mentioned, KELT-24 b is one of the few known massive giant planets orbiting a host star bright enough to allow for detailed atmospheric characterization observations. The other comparable planets in this mass range that have been observed with either Spitzer or HST are HAT-P-2 b (Spitzer, Lewis et al. 2014), WASP-14 b (Spitzer, Wong et al. 2015),

Kepler-13A b (Spitzer and HST, [Beatty et al. 2017](#)), KELT-1b (Spitzer, [Beatty et al. 2018](#)), and WASP-103b (Spitzer and HST, [Kreidberg et al. 2018](#)). Interestingly, KELT-24 b orbits the brightest host in this regime and has the lowest blackbody equilibrium temperature of all these planets: approximately 1450 K. This places KELT-24 b in a different and potentially interesting atmospheric regime.

Observations of massive field brown dwarfs have shown that there is a strong blueward shift in the NIR colors of these objects as they cool from roughly 1400 K down to approximately 1000 K. This is known as the “L-T” transition, and is generally believed to represent the clouds in the atmospheres of the hotter L-dwarfs slowly dropping below the level of the photosphere in the cooler T-dwarfs. The few observations we have of giant exoplanets in this regime indicate that this transition may occur at cooler temperatures, presumably because the lower surface gravity of the planets is altering the cloud dynamics in their atmospheres, perhaps allowing vertical lofting to maintain the clouds higher for longer ([Triaud et al. 2015](#)).

KELT-24 b possesses an intermediate surface gravity, three times higher than Jupiter but ten times lower than a brown dwarf, that straddles previous observations. The characterization of the global cloud properties on KELT-24 b therefore could allow us to better understand the dynamical processes behind the L-T transition. In particular, a recent analysis of Spitzer phase-curve results by [Beatty et al. \(2018\)](#) has shown that all hot Jupiters appear to possess a nightside cloud deck at a temperature of roughly 1000 K. The relatively low equilibrium temperature of KELT-24 b’s atmosphere indicates that even dayside clouds on KELT-24 b would be close in composition to the universal nightside clouds on other hot Jupiters. The spectroscopic measurement of KELT-24 b’s emission might, therefore, be able to determine the specific composition of these clouds. Cloud compositions would in turn provide invaluable insight into the cloud condensation processes, and hence dynamics.

5. CONCLUSION

We present the discovery of KELT-24 b, a massive hot Jupiter in a 5.6-day orbit around a young F-star. The host star, HD 93148, is a bright ($V=8.3$ mag) young F-star ($M_* = 1.461^{+0.056}_{-0.060} M_\odot$, $R_* = 1.506 \pm 0.022 R_\odot$, age = $0.77^{+0.61}_{-0.42}$ Gyr) with a moderate rotation of $v \sin I_* = 19.76 \pm 0.16$ km s $^{-1}$. The planet is a massive hot Jupiter ($M_P = 5.18^{+0.21}_{-0.22} M_J$) on a nearly circular ($e = 0.077^{+0.024}_{-0.026}$) prograde orbit ($\lambda = 2.6^{+5.1}_{-3.6}$ degrees). KELT-24 is the brightest host star with a transiting massive Jupiter ($M_P > 4 M_J$), making it well-suited for detailed characterization through eclipse spectroscopy with current facilities like the Hubble Space Telescope and upcoming observatories such as the James Webb Space Telescope. KELT-24 b is expected to be ob-

served by NASA’s *TESS* mission during sectors 20 and 21, from late UT 2019 December to the end of UT 2020 February. This presents a unique opportunity to simultaneously observe the *TESS* transits of KELT-24 b with Spitzer, HST, and/or ground-based facilities. Additionally, *TESS* may be able to measure the rotation period of KELT-24, in which case the true (3-D) obliquity can be inferred.

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